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SUMMARY: EDITORIALS MAY 2 WERE STILL CONCERNED WITH
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ALLEGED SHIFT IN THE AMERICAN STAND TOWARDS
THE M.E. AND WITH THE ABILITY OF AMERICA TO CONVINCE
ISRAEL TO ACCEPT PEACE. END SUMMARY

1. JORDAN TIMES MAY 2 EDITORIALY COMMENTED ON SENATOR
STONE'S VISIT TO ISRAEL. "SENATOR STONE IS IN FACT
REPORTED TO HAVE SOUNDED OUT LEADING CONGRESSMEN ON
WHETHER THEY THROUGHT THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY WOULD
SUPPORT A BEGIN GOVERNMENT POLICY THAT IS BENT ON TREATING
THE WEST BANK AS LIBERATED JEWISH TERRITORY.

2. "THE QUESTION THAT COMES TO MIND IS PRECISELY WHAT
IS MR. BEGIN ADVISED TO DO? IS IT JUST A MATTER OF A
FACE-LIFT, OF SOUNDING LESS LIKE A SUPER-HAWK SO THAT
JEWISH AMERICANS AND POWERFUL CONGRESSMEN CAN GO ON
SUPPORTING ISRAEL WHILE IT CONTINUES TO DODGE THE
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RESPONSIBILITIES IT MUST SHOULDER IF PEACE IS EVER TO
COME TO THE M.E.? OR IS IT MORE FAR-REACHING THAN THAT?"

3. AS-SHA'AB EDITORIALY COMMENTS MAY 2 ON THE "IMMORAL"
ISRAELI ACTION IN WHICH ALLON CONVEYED ISRAEL'S WORRY
OVER CARTER'S RECENT STATEMENTS. "THESE STATEMENTS HAD
BROUGHT INTO FOCUS ALL THE U.S. RESOLUTIONS OF THE PAST

THIRTY YEARS....ISRAEL CONSIDERS IT A CRIME THAT ANY
REMINDER BE MADE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS...
RIGHTS THAT ARE LEGALLY VALIDATED BY U.N. RESOLUTIONS...
WHILE ISRAEL DEMANDS THE PROMISED LAND, A CONCEPT BASED
ON BIBLICAL SCRIPTS 4,000 YEARS OLD." IN CONCLUSION
THE PAPER FINDS THAT "THE BASIC REASON FOR THE M.E. CONFLICT
LIES IN ISRAEL'S DISAVOWING ITS COMMITMENTS TO
U.N. RESOLUTIONS."

4. AD-DUSTOUR MAY 2 SPEAKS OF THE INVALIDITY OF AMERICAN
POLICIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. "IT IS NOW REALIZED THAT IT WAS
TO THINK THAT SUPPORT OF ISRAEL WOULD PRODUCE MODERATION.
WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS THAT WITH TIME,
ISRAEL HAS ADOPTED A HARDER LINE TOWARDS PEACE
AND TOWARDS THE U.S.

5. "THIS AMERICAN POLICY MUST BE STUDIED
AND REVISED, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE ISRAELI HARD-LINE
POSTURE IS BEING CLEARLY MANIFESTED IN BEGIN'S
DESCRIPTION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AS LIBERATED
LANDS....IT IS HIGH TIME THAT ISRAELI EXTREMISTS
WERE TAMED BY RESTRICTING AMERICAN SUPPORT. THIS
REQUIRES A COURAGEOUS STAND, BUT THE MORAL COURAGE OF
PRESIDENT CARTER WILL ASSIST HIM IN TAKING POSITIVE
STEPS IN SUPPORT OF PEACE EFFORTS."
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